

Dear praying friends,

Two snapshots from yesterday:

- As I was about to run an errand, our neighbor St walked by on his way home from a local grocery store, where he works and Lynette shops. He had seen her that morning and sent home greetings to me (“St says hi”). As usual, St stopped for a few minutes to chat over the fence. Although he hasn’t yet taken me up on my open-ended offer to read the Bible with him, he is wonderfully curious about our lives. I always love our short chats. “Please, Holy Spirit, break the barrier that keeps St from going deeper.”
- Later in the day, I had come upstairs from my basement office for a bit of oxygen and happened to glance out the window. Another neighbor S, who recently married her live-in boyfriend F of 20 years, was struggling to unload an enormous and clearly very heavy box from her car. She had gotten it out and was trying to pick it up. (It was larger than she was.) I slipped on my shoes and ran out the door, yelling at her to put the thing down before she hurt herself. We carried the box to her front gate, where F met us. She had a few choice “pleasantries” to say to F. We talked for a few minutes, and I happened to mention that Lynette has a cousin who will be visiting us next month, who is a pianist. Would she and F enjoy coming over for a short concert? We were thinking of inviting others on the street. Yes, she would really like that and will bring chocolates. As I walked back to my front door, I was thinking about St. I forgot to ask him about the concert. And what about the Es and H&G? Now, if I could only scrounge up a piano...

As these two snapshots illustrate, our ministry jobs are often interrupted by what can only be called divinely orchestrated encounters. I bet it is the same for you. Our prayer for us and for you, is that the Lord would open our eyes to see and our mouths to speak at times like these.

The big news these past weeks has been the arrival of the Miller family from Ireland (photo). Kristiana, Cory, and two precious girls, Rylynn and Melody, were denied the



renewal of their Irish visas and, with only a month’s notice, had to pack up, sell, give away, and up-root. They arrived in Vienna on August 30 and are sharing this big home, which the Lord gave us for such a time as this. When we first heard the disappointing news, there was much grieving (and still is). The words that came to us at that time were: “In my father’s house are many rooms...” Strange to think that this great, eternal promise of rooms in the house of God, can be mirrored in a very small way on earth. Yet, this only underscores how very temporary our lives on this earth are. No, the Millers are not “home” even here and this transitional living is not at all easy. Yet, even in the midst of this stress and grief, Lynette

and I are genuinely LOVING being near to these precious ones. The Millers will be with us until November, when they will head back to the US to start their “home assignment” a few months earlier than planned. They will be restarting the visa process for Ireland and are praying that they will be able to return next summer. Thanks for praying with us for them.

Please pray also the following:

- For the first ever field retreat for the newly constituted “GEM-Hungary field” – Sept. 26-27, in Budapest;
- Both Jim and Lynette are traveling for different GEM meetings in October and November (Lynette for the Connecting Hearts ministry);
- Our on-going teaching and discipleship ministries in our local church.
- Deeper conversations about faith with our neighbors (and a possible concert on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> with Lynette’s cousin Anna and friend).

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers and financial support for this ministry. Through you the Lord is taking care of us and our needs.

Wishing you God’s richest blessings,

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